

SEC. 5. STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Chairman of the Commission may, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, appoint a staff director and such additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties. The staff director of the Commission shall be appointed from private life, and such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Commission as a whole.

(b) **COMPENSATION.**—The Chairman of the Commission may fix the pay of the staff director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay fixed under this paragraph for the staff director may not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title and the rate of pay for other personnel may not exceed the maximum rate payable for grade GS-15 of the General Schedule.

(c) **DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**—Upon request of the Chairman of the Commission, the head of any Federal department or agency may detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, any personnel of that department or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its administrative and clerical functions.

(d) **PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.**—The Chairman of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(e) **ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The Administrator of General Services shall furnish the Commission, on a nonreimbursable basis, any administrative and support services requested by the Commission consistent with this Act.

SEC. 6. COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.

(a) **COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.**—Each member of the Commission may be compensated at not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the actual performance of the duties of the Commission.

(b) **TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—Each member of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

SEC. 7. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF.

The appropriate departments, agencies, and other entities of the United States Government shall cooperate with the Commission in expeditiously providing to the Commission members and staff appropriate security clearances in a manner consistent with existing procedures and requirements, except that no person shall be provided with access to classified information under this section who would not otherwise qualify for such security clearance.

SEC. 8. REPORTS.

(a) **INTERIM REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit an interim report to the President and the Congress de-

scribing its activities since the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than September 11, 2002, the Commission shall submit a final report to the President and the Congress describing its activities since the date of enactment of this Act, together with a summary of the comprehensive assessment and recommendations made by the Commission under section 3(b).

SEC. 9. FUNDING.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of September 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-38), amounts appropriated by that Act shall be available to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall terminate 60 days after the date of the submission of the final report required by section 8(b).

(b) **WIND UP ACTIVITIES.**—The Commission may use the 60-day period referred to in subsection (a) for the purpose of concluding its activities, including providing testimony to congressional committees concerning its final report and disseminating that report.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED—NOVEMBER 15, 2001

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SA 2167. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1628, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SA 2168. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS—NOVEMBER 15, 2001

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Strike paragraph (1) of Sec. 6(c) and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“(1) **ADOPTING STATES TO TRANSMIT.**—Upon the 25th State becoming a signatory to the Compact, the adopting States shall transmit a copy of the Compact to Congress.”.

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At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following section:

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 27, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a markup on the nominations of Mr. Mark W. Olson, of Minnesota, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Dr. Susan Schmidt Bies, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Mr. James Gilleran, of California, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision; Mr. Allan I.